October, 1995 to the effect that rare manuscripts are either being destroyed or are sent abroad;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether Central Government have prepared a catalogue of old and valuable manuscripts in the country and the steps taken to help their preservation; and

(d) the amount spent by Central Government during each of the past three years for the preservation/ cataloguing of valuable manuscripts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Programme to increase fertilizer production

1191. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken an ambitious programme to increase fertilizer production;

(b) if so, the funds earmarked therefor;

(c) the year by which those programmes are proposed to be implemented; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (a) to (d) As per the Industrial Policy Statement issued by the Government on 24th July, 1991, no industrial licence is required for setting up a fertilizer plant. The Public Sector/ Cooperative units under the administrative control of the Department of Fertilizers have adopted the following strategy to increase fertilizer production;

(i) Expansion/retrofiting/revamping of existing fertilizer plants.

(ii) Overcoming the constraints in the availability of natural gas, the preferrred feedstock for manufacturing nitrogeneous fertilizers by setting up naphtha-based fertilizer plants and installing dual fuel/feedstock facilities in the existing plants and projects under implementation; and

(iii) Setting up joint venture projects in countries having abundant and cheap raw material resources.

The details of the projects under implementation, including their estimated capital cost, capacity and expected date of commissioning, are as follows:

DETAILS OF FERTILIZER PROJECT UNDER IMPLEMENTATION IN THE COUNTRY

S. No.	Name of the Company/Cooperative	Location	Estimated Capital Cost [In Crores]	Production envisaged Product Capacity [In lakh MTPA]	Expected date of commissioning
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (1FFCO)	Aonla (U.P.) [Expansion]	960.00	Urea 7.26	01.01.1997
2.	Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)	Kalol (Gujarat) [Expansion]	119.08	Urea 1.50	01.09.1997
3.	Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)	Phulpur (U.P.) [Expansion]	993.00	Urea 7.26	20.01.1998

1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL)	Vijaipur (M.P.) [Expansion]	987.30	Urea 7.26	01.01.1997
5.	Madras Fertilizers Limited [MFL]	Manali (Madras] [Expansion]	487.47	Urea 0.76 NPK 1.84	30.06.1996
6.	Fertilizers & Chemicals Travancore Limited [FACT]	Udyogaman-dal, Kerala [Ammonia Replacement Plant]	618.00	Ammonia 2.97	31.03.1997
7.	Oswal Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited	Shahjahan-pur U.P. [Grassroots]	1325.00	Urea 7.26	Trial production has started. Ex-pected to be commissioned in December, 1995.
8.	Nagarjuna Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited [NFCL]	Kakindada, AP [Expansion]	954.21	Urea 4.95	Second half of 1997-98
9.	National Fertilizers Limited [NFL]	Nangal, Punjab [dc-bot-tlcnecking]	50.TX)	Urea 1.81	01.11.1996
10.	Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. [RCF]	Thai, Phase 1 Mumbai Phase U [Ammonia retrofit]	49.00 93.00	Urea 1.65 Urea 1.10	07.10.19% November, 1997

(i) Total estimated capital cost - 6636.06 crores

(ii) Total production [a] Urea- 40.81 lakh MTPA [b] NPK - 1.84 lakh MTPA

Diamond Mining Contract to RIL

1192. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reliance Industries Group of companies has recently been awarded a contract for the prospecting of diamond mines in Jaspur-Raipur districts of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions thereof; and

(c) whether RIL has played any underway practices in this context?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES. (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG);

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Projected Demand of Steel

1193. SHRI NAGMANI:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the projected demand of steel by the end of the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan periods; and

(b) the steps taken to meet the demand for steel indigenously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The projected demand for fiakhrri steel.